WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Inflight catering by Indian Airlines

*63. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will be Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent annually by the Indian Airlines on food and beverages on inflight catering on various sectors, zone-wise;

(b) the norms followed in this regard;

(c) whether the norms are the same or vary from zone to zone; and

(d) if so, the reasons for such variation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Indian Airlines spent a sum of Rs. 18.75 crores on food services in 1990-91. Region-wise break-up is as under:-

Western Region : Rs. 7.59 crores

Eastern Region : Rs. 3.23 crores

Northern Region : Rs. 5.14 crores

Southern Region : Rs. 2.79 crores

(b) to (d). Indian Airlines serves meals like breakfast, lunch and dinner during conventional timings i.e.0700-0840 hours, 1300-1415 hours respectively. Besides, meals like coffee/tea garni, high tea and light refreshments are served on flights operating outside the conventional timings. These meals norms are observed as guidelines and followed without any prejudice to any zone or sector. At times deviations take place due to short duration of flight time, inability to uplift supplies, etc. Generally the services are upgraded for achieving better passenger satisfaction.

[*Translation*]

Installation of Black Box in Aircraft of Vayudoot

*66. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the aircraft of the Vayudoot are equipped with Flight Data recorder (Black Box);

(b) if not, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether the Government propose to purchase black boxes for being installed in these aircraft; and

(d) if so, the time by which these are likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Only the Dornier-228 fleet of Vayudoot is not fitted with FDRs.

(b) Dornier were not equipped with FDRs by the manufacturers as they were not readily available.

(c) and (d). Vayudoot will draw up a phased programme to install FDRs Dornier aircraft.

Rail Link from Delhi to Kumaon Region

*67. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any scheme to link Kumaon region with Delhi by a direct railway service for the development of tourism;